



PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION | Mark Johnson, *Superintendent of Public Instruction*

WWW.NCPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2017

TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
Preschool Coordinators, Exceptional Children Programs

FROM: William J. Hussey, Exceptional Children Division *WJH*
John R. Pruette, Office of Early Learning *JRP*

RE: **Allocation for PRC 119- Preschool Projects (Budget Revision #15)**

The Preschool Exceptional Children Program is pleased to announce the release of funds to PRC 119 to Support: 1) LEA Preschool Coordinators professional development, 2) Preschool Demonstration Assessment Teams, 3) Preschool Demonstration Classes, and 4) the 38 LEAs in the Targeted Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (SEFEL) Project.

A series of professional development opportunities have been developed for LEA Preschool Coordinators, including but not limited to: 1) Regional Preschool Coordinators Meeting (fall and spring); 2) the Exceptional Children Conference, 3) the Connecting of Communities of Education Stakeholders Conference, 4) Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment Team training, 5) the National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute; and 4) the *Foundations for Early Learning and Development* Summer Institutes (TBA). Each LEA has been allotted \$2,000 to ensure that their preschool leaders and /or staff attend these professional development events and can be used for travel, lodging, and subsistence related to meeting attendance. Cumberland, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Wake, Guilford, and Forsyth will be allotted \$4,000 to support more staff attendance. LEA Preschool Coordinators who serve as regional representatives will also receive an additional \$1,000 to cover meeting costs.

LEAs may use these funds to support the participation of more than one person (special education coordinator and/or regular early childhood LEA partner) for the National Inclusion Institute. Please plan for use of funds accordingly and expend funds prior to September 30, 2018.

Allocation amounts for the Preschool Demonstration Assessment Teams, Classes, and targeted NC SEFEL projects align with the approved activities, spending plans and assurances.

If you have any questions related to the funding, please contact Dr. Vivian James at 919-218-8384, vivian.james@dpi.nc.gov .

JRP/WJH/VKJ/ms

OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING

John R. Pruette, M.Ed., *Executive Director* | john.pruette@dpi.nc.gov | www.ncpublicschools.org/earlylearning/

2075 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2075 | (919) 807-3946

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER